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From: Wayne Hedberg
To: MINERALS
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Subject: VIPONT MINE PURCHASE

JUST A" HEADS-UP"

I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM BRUCE HAGENS OF DERR(?) THIS AFTERNOON REGARDING VIPONT PURCHASE BY ROYAL MINING COMPANY. HERETOFORE CELEBRATION MINING COMPANY HAD FILED A SMO ON THE PROJECT WITH US. PURCHASE OF CELEBRATION AND ACQUISITION OF CELEBRATION'S INTEREST IN THE VIPONT BY ROYAL MINING COMPANY WAS APPARENTLY EFFECTIVE AS OF TODAY.

BRUCE HAD REPRESENTATIVES FROM ROYAL IN HIS OFFICE TODAY DISCUSSING THEIR DESIRE TO CLEAN UP THE CERCLA CONTAMINATION PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE AND TO REOPEN THE MINE AND REACTIVATE PROCESSING OF THE ORE ONSITE. APPARENTLY HAVE EXPANDED PLANS FOR THE SITE THAT MAY GO BEYOND WHAT CELEBRATION WAS PROPOSING UNDER THEIR SMO. I ASKED BRUCE TO PASS ALONG OUR INTEREST IN MEETING WITH COMPANY REPS. TO DISCUSS THEIR PLANS IN MORE DETAIL IN CASE WE NEED TO LOOK AT THIS UNDER A LMO SITUATION. HE AGREED TO DO SO. NOT SURE IF MR. THOMAS MILLER IS STILL INVOLVED FROM THE MINING END OR NOT, BUT LIKELY MAY HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY AS A POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP) UNDER CERCLA. MORE TO COME. . . .

JOELLE, PLEASE COPY TO THE MINE FILE. THANK YOU!

CC: LBRAXTON